

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: M. MOCHIZUKI et al  
Serial No. 10/046,973  
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Group Art Unit: 2652  
Examiner: R. Tupper  
For: MAGNETIC HEAD FOR PERPENDICULAR  
RECORDING AND MAGNETIC DISK STORAGE  
APPARATUS MOUNTING THE HEAD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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February 10, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.